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NOT ALL ROBOTS ARE EVIL!

What starts out as a fun school trip turns into a major disaster when Atlas and his robot companions attack the school children. One disaster leads to another, and soon people are demanding that robots be destroyed. What can Atom do to stop the battle between humans and robots?

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AUTHOR'S MUSINGS

Many interesting characters are oppearing in 'Astroboy'. We're enjoying ourselves drawing obaut their various activities in the comic. Please cantinue to support us!

CHARACTER INTRO

ASTRO BOY

ATOM
A super robot created by futuristic science

GUNON
A Dolphin shaped robot used for deep-sea research

PLUTO
A robot that challenged Atom in order to prove itself as the world's strongest robot

PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU
Chief of Ministry of Science and Atom's foster father

ATLAS
A robot that hates Atom and seeks to destroy him

KUSUKO
Part of Atlas group that seeks to destroy humans

URAN
Atom's sister

ATLAS'S HUMAN FORM
Atlas before the transforms

PROFESSOR TENMA
Atom's father the genius that created him

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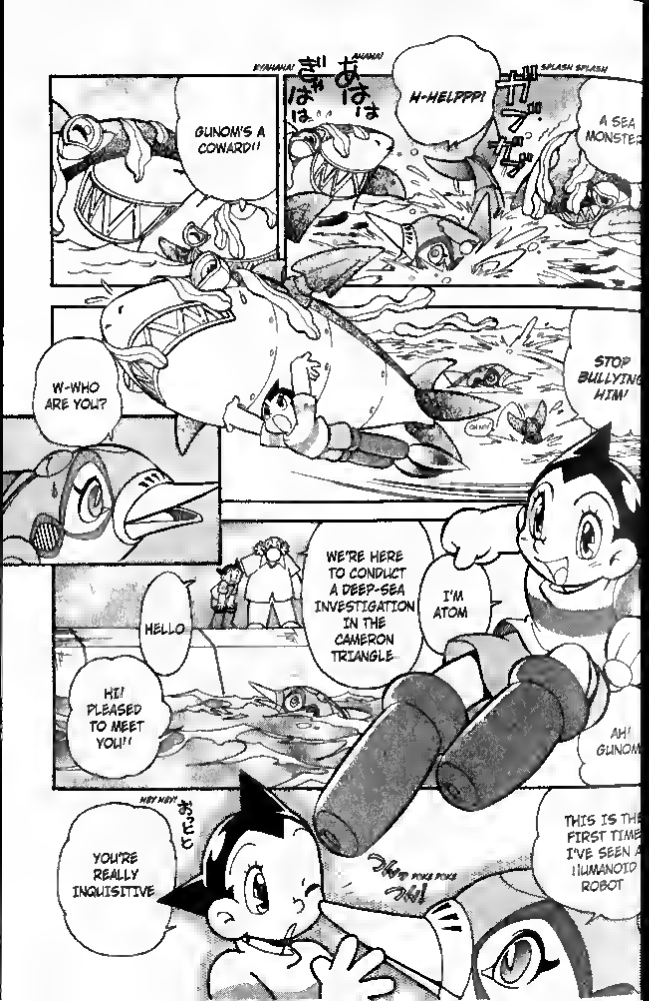
THE SEA
IN AN AGE WHEN HUMANS ARE VENTURING OUT TO SPACE
IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT LIES TEN KILOMETRES BENEATH THE OCEAN
ATOM, WE CAN SEE THE CAMERON TRIANGLE RESEARCH CENTRE FROM HERE.
WOW!
HEY, THE OCEAN IS EVEN MORE MYSTERIOUS THAN OUTER SPACE!

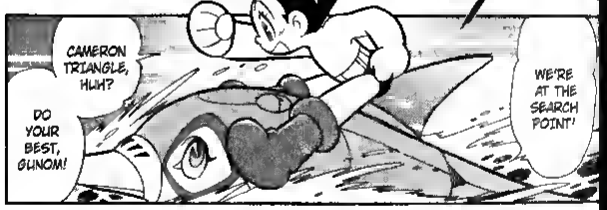
MANY PUZZLING THINGS HAPPEN THERE
CAMERON TRIANGLE?
UMOURS VE IT THAT WHITE ONSTER AS BEEN IGHTED
SHIPS GO MISSING
ROGER, PROFESSOR !!
I'M BRINGING YOU ALONG.
THE OCEAN SCIENCES ACADEMY REQUESTED THAT WE INVESTIGATE THE AREA
MONSTER?!

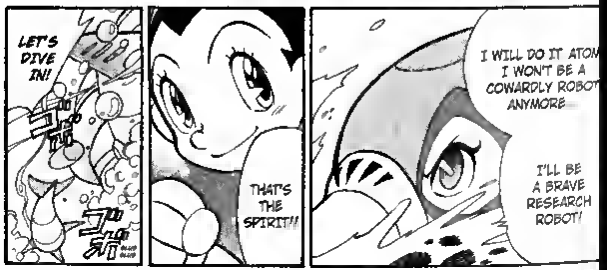

KYAHAHA!
あはは
あはは
GUNOM'S A COWARD!!
H-HELPPP!
SPLASH SPLASH
A SEA MONSTER
W-WHO ARE YOU?
STOP BULLYING HIM!
HELLO
WE'RE HERE TO CONDUCT A DEEP-SEA INVESTIGATION IN THE CAMERON TRIANGLE
I'M ATOM
HI! PLEASED TO MEET YOU!!
AH! GUNOM
HEY HEY
YOU'RE REALLY INQUISITIVE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A HUMANOID ROBOT
PIKE PIKE PIKE

WOW! A DOLPHIN ROBOT!
IT'S PLAYING WITH SHELLS!
THAT'S A DEEP-SEA RESEARCH ROBOT, CALLED GUNOM.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
KYAAAAH!!
RIPPLE
WHY ARE THEY SO HARD?
SHELLS ARE INTERESTING

I'M SCARED!
KYAAAA!
WHAT S WRONG GUNOM?
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO STARTLE A STINGRAY!!
GUNOM!!
GUNOM.
WHAT HAPPEN !!
HOW CAN YOU CONDUCT DEEP-SEA INVESTIGATIONS IF YOU CONTINUE LIKE THIS?!
MR. KAZUYA, DON'T BE SO ANGRY...
S- SORRY
WHAT A COWARD!
HE'S A ROBOT AND YET
HE-HE!
IT'LL BE DISASTROUS IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS IN THE SEA.
ISN'T THAT RATHER RISKY?
GUNOM'S ONLY PROBLEM
IS HIS EXTREME COWARDICE
WOW, PROFESSOR!
ASED MEET OU
I'M GUNOM'S DESIGNER, KAZUYA OKI
THAT'S WHY HE'S SO INQUISITIVE
GUNOM IS A RESEARCH ROBOT.
THERE'S OMETHING N THE SEA BOTTOM
HUH?
I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND THE FISH PRESERVE
GUNOM, THAT'S FAST!

SPLISH SPLASH SPLISH SPLASH

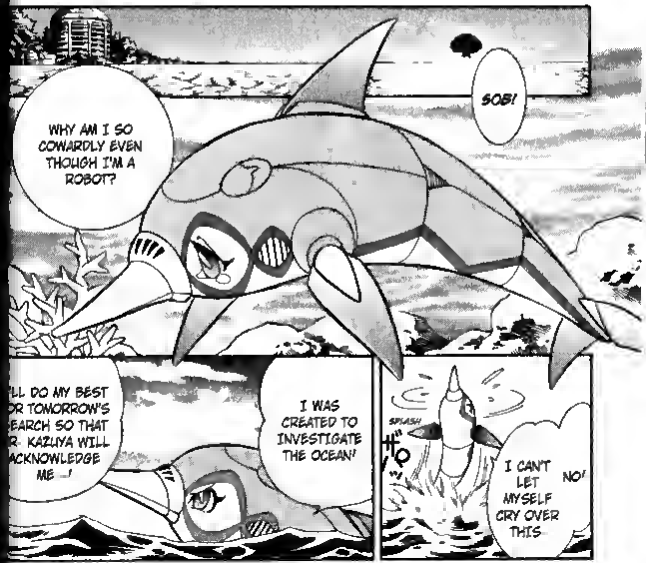

CAMERON TRIANGLE, HUH?
DO YOUR BEST, GUNOM!
WE'RE AT THE SEARCH POINT!


LET'S DIVE IN!
GOO GOO GOO
BLUB BLUB
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!!
I WILL DO IT ATOM I WON'T BE A COWARDLY ROBOT ANYMORE
I'LL BE A BRAVE RESEARCH ROBOT!

I NEED ATOM'S COOPERATION FOR THAT

I WANT TO HELP GUNOM TOO!!
LEAVE IT TO ME!

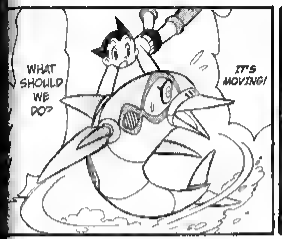
NO!! GUNOM CAN DO IT!
ONCE HE OVERCOMES HIS FEAR
HE'LL BE THE WORLD'S BEST DEEP-SEA RESEARCH ROBOT!!


SOB!
WHY AM I SO COWARDLY EVEN THOUGH I'M A ROBOT?
I'LL DO MY BEST FOR TOMORROW'S RESEARCH SO THAT DR. KAZUYA WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME...!
I WAS CREATED TO INVESTIGATE THE OCEAN!
SPLASH
NO!
I CAN'T LET MYSELF CRY OVER THIS

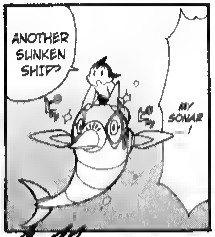
WHAT IS IT, MR KAZUYA ?
OH YEAH, ATOM'S A ROBOT
YOU'LL GET HURT
A-ATOM, DON'T DISTURB IT
I'D LOVE TO WATCH THEM SWIM AROUND ALL DAY, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP TRACK OF MY AIR SUPPLY TOO
I'M FINE. THE CHANGE IN WATER PRESSURE AFFECTED ME A LITTLE
ATOM, ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!
BONK!
IF WE WERE HUMAN, WE'D BE CRUSHED IN AN INSTANT
I FEEL AN IMMENSE PRESSURE
1600
2000
1300
THERE'S NOTHING SCARY ABOUT IT
IT'S GETTING DARKER AND DARKER BUT
SQUEEZE!
IT'S SOFT AND FLABBY!
THAT'S A PORTUGUESE MAN-OF-WAR
WOW. WHAT IS THAT?!

A MONSTER LIVED HERE A LONG TIME AGO AND IT SWALLOWED PASSING SHIPS
ACCORDING TO FOLKLORE...
DON'T WORRY, GUNOM, IT'S ONLY A TALE.
MONSTER!!!
WE'RE HERE TO INVESTIGATE WHY THESE SHIPS SANK.
YE-
YES
WOW, JUST LIKE A SHIP'S GRAVEYARD!
BARUMP
BARUMP
BEEP
NEITHER A ROCK NOR A HILL
AH!
FEELS LIKE WE'RE IN SPACE
IT'S REALLY QUIET
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND US
WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE ECOLOGY OF THE VARIOUS SPECIES HERE THOUGH
AH.
SONAR'S CKING UP METHING !
!
DESPITE THE HIGH WATER PRESSURE, THERE ARE FISHES HERE
THEIR BODY SHAPES HAVE EVOLVED TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

UWAAAHHH!
GUNOM!!
GUNOM, WAIT!!

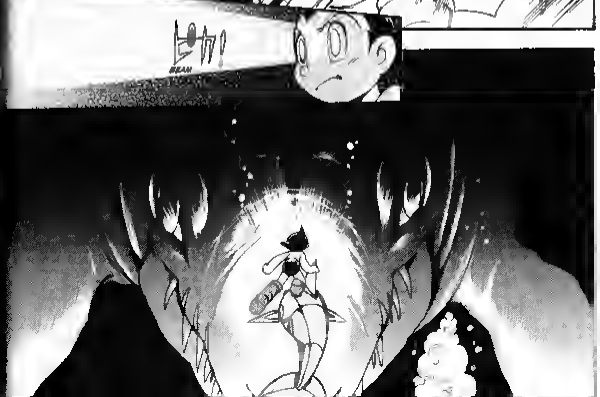

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
IT'S MOVING!

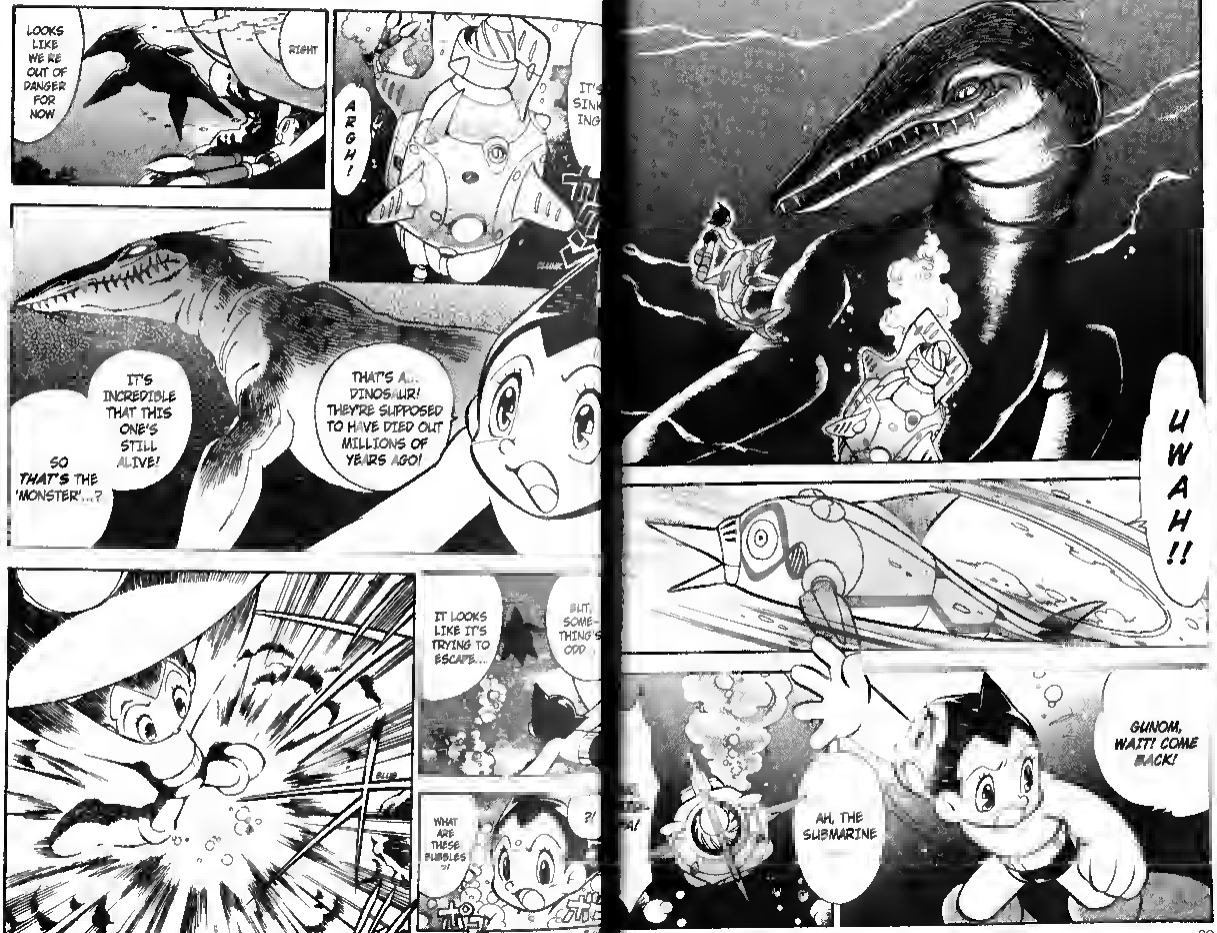
NO— IT'S GETTING CLOSER


ANOTHER SUNKEN SHIP?
HI! SONAR!

THE SUB-MARINE!!

GUNOM!
GUNOM, CALM DOWN! FIRE A FLARE IN ITS DIRECTION.
UWAH?!


BEAM!


LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OUT OF DANGER FOR NOW
RIGHT
ARGH!
IT'S SINK-ING!
SO THAT'S THE 'MONSTER'...?
IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT THIS ONE'S STILL ALIVE!
THAT'S A... DINOSAUR! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DIED OUT MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!
UWAH!!
GUNOM, WAIT! COME BACK!
AH, THE SUBMARINE
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S TRYING TO ESCAPE...
BUT, SOMETHING'S ODD
WHAT ARE THESE BUBBLES ?!
?!
BLUB
BLUB

GUNOM!!
WHERE'S GUNOM?!
I'M DOING MY BEST TO STOP THE SHIP FROM RISING!
THE CURRENT IS HAMPERING MY MOVEMENTS.
CAN YOU HELP ME, ATOM?!
THE ENGINE IS NOT WORKING
I CAN'T DO IT.
THE SEA IS SO SCARY!
I CAN'T
GUNOM!!
ANSWER ME!!
GUNOM WHERE ARE YOU?
GUNOM
WHEN A HUMAN IS THOUSANDS OF METRES UNDER THE SEA
IF HE RISES TOO QUICKLY TO THE SURFACE HIS LUNGS WILL EXPLODE!!
MR. KAZUYA!
BOOM
MR. KAZUYA !!
MR. KAZUYA !!
OH NO!! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE AWAKE!
METHANE'S STREAMING UP FROM BELOW!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
A... ATOM ?!
TAP TAP
WHOOSH
T- THAT'S
METHANE GAS?!

ATOM!! MR KAZUYA?!
WAAH!
CRACK!
!!
...FALLING APART!!
CLATTER
WHOOSH

MY PROGRAMMING IS THE CAUSE OF GUNOM'S FEAR.
DEEP-SEA RESEARCH IS DANGEROUS
HUH?!
IN THAT CASE, GUNOM'S NOT A COWARD AFTER ALL.
OF COURSE! DIDN'T I SAY?
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THEM!
GUNOM IS A GREAT RESEARCH ROBOT!

I'M GOING TO SLOWLY PULL IN THE CHAIN, OKAY?
GLINOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
GLUNK
BABUUUM
THE WATER TEM-PERATURE
..IS RISING RAPIDLY !!
THE GAS
IT'S GOING TO REACH US SOON!
ATOM, WE'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
GLINOM, TAKE CARE OF THE SUBMARINE!
GLINOM!
BUBBLE

SHOOP
BANG
SHOOP
UWAH! THE WATER FLOW!!
GACHAK
SHOOP

IN-CREDIBLE
THAT METHANE GAS IS THE REAL 'MONSTER'
CLINK
?!
EHEHE!
THAT'S GREAT, GUNOM!!
THE COLLECTION OF DATA IS COMPLETE
GUNOM! WELL DONE!
ゴゴゴ
RATTLE

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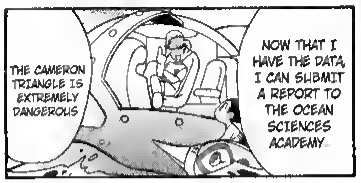
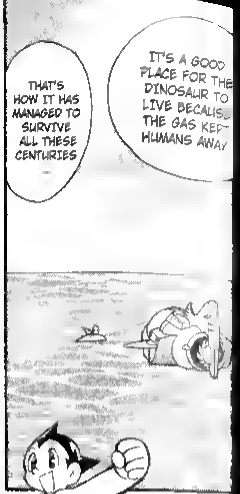
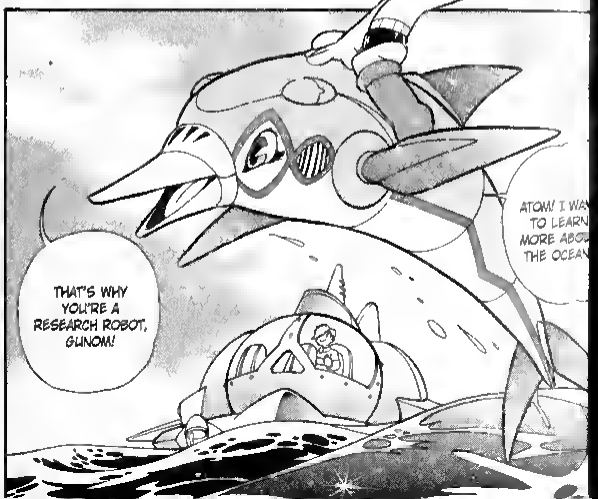
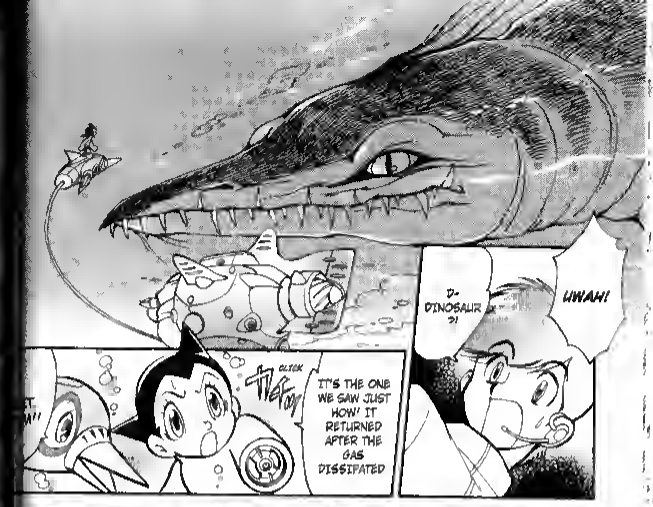
SHAKING UP
T-THAT'S CRAZY
I'LL FIRE AT THE GAS WITH MY CANNON!
NOW!!
BOOM


THE CAMERON TRIANGLE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
NOW THAT I HAVE THE DATA, I CAN SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OCEAN SCIENCES ACADEMY

ALL SHIPS SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THE AREA!

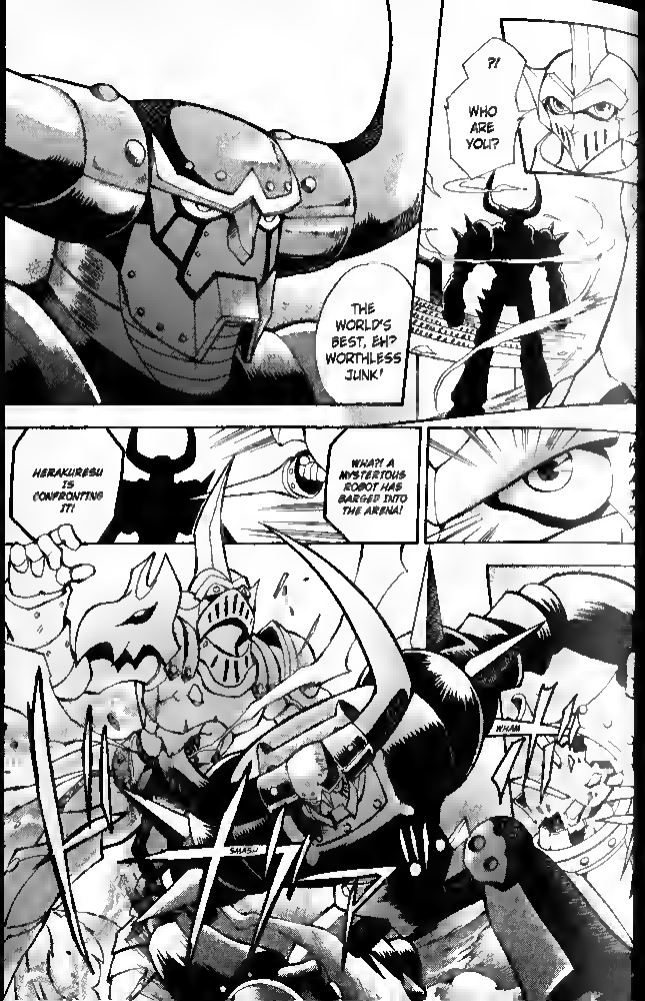

THAT'S HOW IT HAS MANAGED TO SURVIVE ALL THESE CENTURIES
IT'S A GOOD PLACE FOR THE DINOSAUR TO LIVE BECAUSE THE GAS KEEPS HUMANS AWAY


THAT'S WHY YOU'RE A RESEARCH ROBOT, GUNOM!
ATOM! I WAN TO LEARN MORE ABOU THE OCEAN


IT'S THE ONE WE SAW JUST NOW! IT RETURNED AFTER THE GAS DISSIPATED
CLICK
D-DINOSAUR ?!
UWAH!

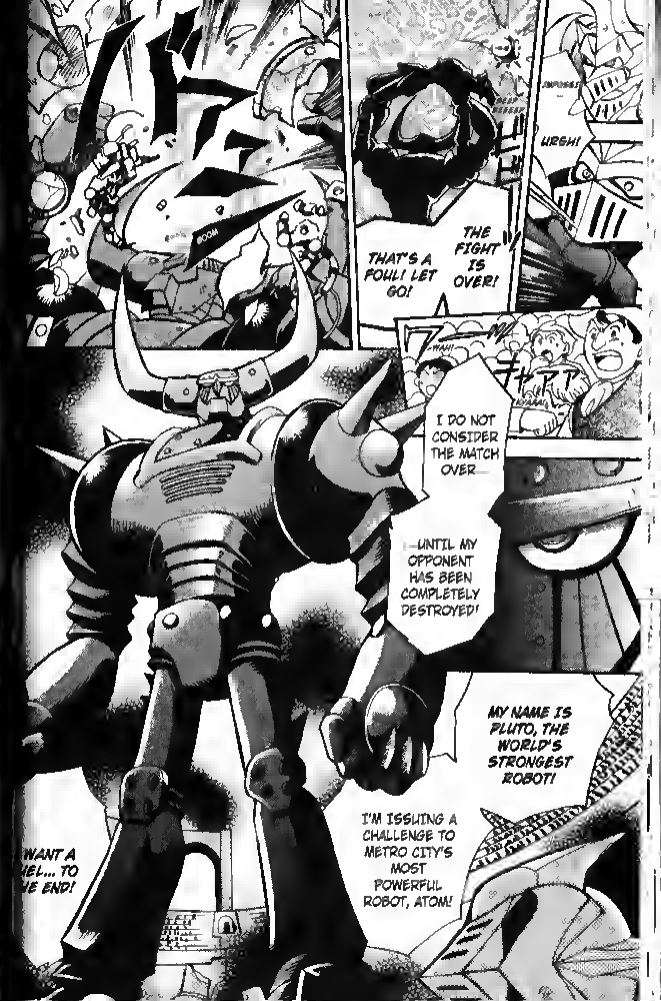
F-FULL SPEED AHEAD!
THAT'S TRUE! IT'S PLAYING WITH THE SHIP!
IT'S DOING WHAT I LIKE TO DO!

Chapter 2
THE WORLD'S
STRONGEST ROBO


?!
WHO ARE YOU?
THE WORLD'S BEST, EH? WORTHLESS JUNK!
WHAT? A MYSTERIOUS ROBOT HAS BARGED INTO THE ARENA!
HERAKURESU IS CONFRONTING IT!
WHAM
SMASH

ET US JUDGE WHICH IS THE ORLD'S EST OBOT!!
WHO WILL WIN THE ROBOT TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR?!
HERA-KUZESU WINS THE MATCH!!
WHAT POWER! HE MAY VERY WELL BE THE STRONGEST!
HUH?
SPIN SPIN SPIN
ROAR

I'LL GET RID OF THAT ROBOT!!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT BEING THE STRONGEST OR THE MOST POWERFUL...
BUT I'LL TAKE HIM ON!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!!
IT'S SENSELESS NO MATTER WHO WINS!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ROBOTS DAMAGED FOR SUCH A MEANINGLESS CAUSE
IT'S SENSELESS TO FIGHT JUST FOR THE SAKE OF PROVING WHO'S THE BEST!
NO!!
I WONDER WHO'S STRONGER?
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE WORTH WATCHING!!
WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THE DUEL? PLUTO OR ATOM?
...ROBER
DON'T ACCEPT PLUTO'S CHALLENGE!


BOOM
THAT'S A FOUL! LET GO!
THE FIGHT IS OVER!
UNGH!
I DO NOT CONSIDER THE MATCH OVER...
...UNTIL MY OPPONENT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED!
MY NAME IS PLUTO, THE WORLD'S STRONGEST ROBOT!
I'M ISSUING A CHALLENGE TO METRO CITY'S MOST POWERFUL ROBOT, ATOM!
WANT A ...EL... TO ...E END!

WHAT POWER
PLUTO, I'M YOUR NEXT OPPONENT
SHATTER
—NO EFFEC-CRR
IT HAD—
HAHAHA WHAT'S WITH THAT PUNCH?
CRACK

YOU WERE CREATED FOR BATTLE. YOUR ONLY DUTY IS TO FIGHT AND INCREASE YOUR POWERS...
PLUTO
YOU MUST TEST YOUR BATTLE POWER BY FIGHTING ATOM!
YES, SIR...
PLUTO!!
?!
ATOM... WHERE ARE YOU?
I DEFEAT ..U, I'LL BE ..E WORLD'S ..RONGEST!!

CRUSH
YOU...
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE CRUSHING THE FLOWERS!!
UWAAA!!
うわぁ～
YOU'RE IN THE WAY. GET LOST!!
PLUTO!!
SORRY
I WAS CREATED SOLELY FOR BATTLE, THAT'S WHY
WHY DO YOU KEEP DESTROYING ROBOTS?
?
I KNOW!
WHAT A SCARY FACE...

DARN!
HE DESTROYED YET ANOTHER ROBOT!
TSK!
WHERE IS ATOM?
WHY ISN'T HE SHOWING HIMSELF?
I ONLY WANT TO FIGHT ATOM
WHERE IS ATOM..?
WHERE IS HE...
?!
W-WHA?
RUMBLE

NOOO!!
PLUTO, LET GO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'LL USE YOU AS A HOSTAGE TO LURE ATOM OUT!
ATOM, WAIT!!
IF YOU WANT HER BACK, COME TO RYUUGAN ISLAND ALONE.
URAN?!
ATOM
URAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY PLUTO!
HMM...
SMILE!
YOU LOOK CUTER NOW.
WHOOSH
ATOM'S SISTER?!
URAN?!
I'M URAN.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU CREATE ME.

PLUTO, WHY?!
STOP, BOTH OF YOU!
WHY DO YOU HATE MY BROTHER?!
I WON'T LET YOU OFF, PLUTO!!
HOW DARE YOU DRAG URAN INTO THIS?!
WHO GAVE YOU SUCH ORDERS?
...?! PLUTO! WHO'RE YOU WORKING FOR?
EN-GARDE!
I'LL TELL YOU AFTER YOU DEFEAT ME.
WHAT'S THAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I'M MERELY FOLLOWING ORDERS TO DEFEAT HIM

HAND OVER MY SISTER!
FINALLY, A CHANCE TO FIGHT YOU, ATOM
IF YOU WIN, I'LL RETURN HER TO YOU.
BIG BRO!!

BOOM
BLAM
BLAST
STOP IT!!

!!
I'LL MAKE THEM HIT THE GROUND!!
NOOO!
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ESCAPE MY MISSILES?!
I'LL FREE MYSELF
I'LL...
BLAST
BOOM
SWOOP

GHARGH
!!
I DON'T KNOW
I AM DEFENSELESS NOW WHY DON'T YOU FINISH ME OFF?
PLUTO WHY

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL CRASH INTO EARTH!
EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!
SATELLITE GANYMEDE HAS LEFT ITS ORBIT!
Chapter 3
LOST MEMORIES

I CAN'T DO THAT
WE'RE BOTH ROBOTS, THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO FIGHT
COME TO THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT WITH ME
STOP THIS, PLUTO
YOU'VE WON THIS ROUND
BUT ATOM, I WILL FIGHT YOU AGAIN!
BIG BRO THAT WAS SO SCARY!
PLUTO... WHO CREATED YOU?

WE HAVE TO BRING IT TO EARTH AND REPAIR IT!!
GANYMEDE IS DAMAGED!!
I'LL BRING IT OUT OF THE FIELD OF GRAVITY
UWAH!
NOT EVEN YOU CAN WITHSTAND THE INTENSE HEAT OF PLASMA ENERGY!
LEAVE GANYMEDE AT ONCE!
PROFESSOR!
ATOM!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
GANYMEDE IS BACK ON TRACK!
ATOM!!
ANSWER ME PLEASE
ATOM?! WHAT'S WRONG ?!
ZAARR...
EHH!

THERE IT IS!!
WHOOSH
EXTREMELY HIGH RADIO-ACTIVE HEAT
EEARGH!!
REQUESTING FOR ATOM'S AID!

LOOKS LIKE IT CAN STILL BE USED.
A ROBOT...
WAS IT THROWN AWAY BECAUSE IT WAS DAMAGED?
YOU PICKED UP A MACHINE AGAIN?
IT LOOKS COMPLEX
ROBOTICS MUST HAVE ADVANCED LATELY.
WELL, CAN IT BE REPAIRED?

KEH!
HUH?
NOTHING OF VALUE AT ALL.

GANYMEDE'S GOING TO START FALLING WITHIN A DAY!
ATOM. WHERE ARE YOU?
THE INTENSE PLASMA HEAT PROBABLY CAUSED HIM TO MALFUNCTION
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SEARCH FOR HIM!
PERHAPS HE DISINTEGRATED IN MIDAIR
ATOU IS WITH TO A SEE\
FOUR
BUT...
STOP FOLLOWING US!
KUK KUK
A LITTLE SQUIRT LIKE YOU TAGGING ALONG WOULD ONLY HINDER US
SIGH.. THAT'S QUITE HARSH

WHAT A CUTE ROBOT BOY!
YOU'RE AWAKE
WHO
AM I?
GO
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO SOME WHERE ELSE
IF YOU WANT TO BE REPAIRED
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT SKILLED ENOUGH TO REPAIR YOU COMPLETELY
HUH? YOUR MEMORY'S DAMAGED?
LOOKS LIKE THE KID HAS LOST ALL OF HIS MEMORIES
OH MY
...CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
I...
I...

THEN WHY DID YOU REPAIR ME?
BRM.
SHUT UP!
I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND!
DON'T GET IN THE WAY!
'LL HELP!
EN TK UP MING LOOKS ABLE OU!!
VALU-ABLE?
SHINY, PRETTY STUFF.
OKAY!
I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!!
AH.
ARGH!
EARRGH!
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
OH FANTASTIC!
SHE'S
HE'S OF SOME USE AFTER ALL!
!
LISTEN UP, THIS TIME YOUR JOB IS.....
ROGER!
Y— YOU'RE REALLY STRONG
WHERE ARE YOU?
THAT DEPARTMENT STORE'S NEXT!
WAHAHA! WELL DONE
THE MARBLE FURNITURE'S MISSING!
THE JEWELLERY HAS BEEN STOLEN!
THE GRAND PIANO IS ...!!
LWAH, MY CAR!
IT'S BRAND NEW TOO.

HEY, KID WORK'S OVER COME AND REST...
GOODBYE TO DAYS OF PICKING TRASH!
WAHAHAHA, THIS'S GREA- WE'RE RICH
THIS IS SMALL BUT PRETTY
BOON, LOOK!
THAT'S A MULTI-PURPOSE REPAIR UNIT BOON CREATED 15 YEARS AGO
CREATED?
OH HOW NOSTALGIC!
THIS'S
THEY USED TO CALL HIM A GENIUS, A GREAT SCIENTIST
BOON?!
HUH?
SCARE THEM A LITTLE
BEEP20
HYAAAH!
HELP!
I-IT'S ATOM !!
CONTACT THE SCIENCE DEPART-

BOON IS A GREAT SCIENTIST!
BOON MANAGED TO REPAIR ME!
OF COURSE NOT!
THANKS, KIDDO
THERE WILL BE A CATASTROPHE!!
IF WE CAN'T FIND ATOM BY THEN...
IT'LL HIT EARTH WITHIN THREE WEEKS!
GANYMEDE IS LEAVING ORBIT AGAIN!!
WHAT?!
HE'S WITH A ROBBER FROM A RURAL TOWN
PROFESSOR! ATOM HAS BEEN SIGHTED!
RURAL RIVERS !!
IT MATICALLY REPAIRS MAGES...
GINE! A OT THAT NOT BE MAGED!
THAT IS MY DREAM...
THE BOON UNIT WAS CREATED TO HELP WITH ROBOT REPAIRS
THE LARGE COMPANIES ARE AFRAID OF MY NEW PRODUCT!
THIS IS A CONSPIRACY!
THE BOON UNIT IS NOT A FAILURE!
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT IN THE FACTORY THAT MANUFACTURED THE UNIT.
MY REPUTATION WAS TARNISHED AND I LOST EVERYTHING...
NOBODY BELIEVED ME...
HEH, NOW I'M JUST LIKE THE JUNK I COLLECT
THE MEDIA CALLED THE BOON UNIT A FAILURE
THE FACTORY WAS MANAGED SOLELY BY ROBOTS...

ATOM! GANYMEDE IS FALLING!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME, ATOM?
?!
LET'S GO, BOON
WHO IS ATOM? I AM BOON'S KID.
WHO ARE YOU?
SAVE THE EARTH, ATOM!
STOP
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT!
POOR BOY— I'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH JUST THESE FEW TOOLS
HUH? BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE HAS ALREADY DONE SOME EMERGENCY REPAIRS
HANG ON, I'LL FIX YOU AT ONCE!
ATOM!

BOON SHOULD STAY HERE ALWAYS
WHAT'S THAT? A RED FALLING STAR?
?
HEY, ATOM!!
ATOM!!
?!
WHAT'S WRONG, KIDDO?
HEY

ROGER, BOON!
WAIT, KIDDO!!
CAN YOU USE THIS?
IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPAIR GANYMEDE.
THAT'S GREAT, BOY!

BOON PICKED HIM UP AND REPAIRED HIM
I'M SORRY WE CAN'T PROVIDE YOU WITH BETTER TOOLS
BUT
JUST HURRY UP AND FIX THE KID
YOU ARE... BOON?!
PRO-FESSOR.
BOON...
HEY, ATOM, I WAS WORRIED.
PROFESSOR GANAME-DEEU!!
AH! PRO-FESSOR, GANIMUS...!

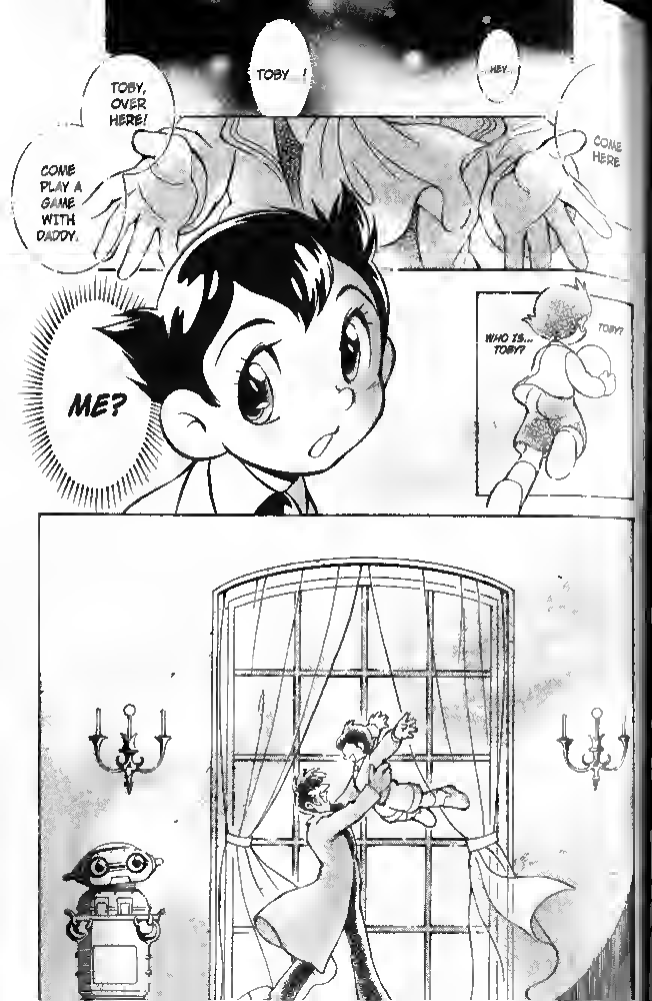
IT HAS ENTERED THE STRATO-SPHERE!!
AAAH!
IT'S FALLING!!

I'M FIGHTING FOR YOU, TOO!!
FOR THE EARTH...
AND FOR EVERYONE!
I MUST PROTECT THE PEOPLE... WHO SAVED ME!!
FLASH
URRGH! I WON'T LET YOU FALL!!

I'M GLAD YOUR MEMORY'S BACK, ATOM.
THAT'S GREAT, BOON!
THANK YOU
I WILL CERTIFY THAT THE BOON UNIT IS NOT A FAILURE.
THANKS KIDDO
YOU FIXED MY PROBLEM.
YOU'RE NO LONGER JUNK!!
ALRIGHT!!
YOU DID IT, BOY!!

Chapter 4
THE SECRET OF
ATOM'S BIRTH

IT'S NEVER DARK IN METRO CITY...?
NIGHT SKYS-CRAPERS.

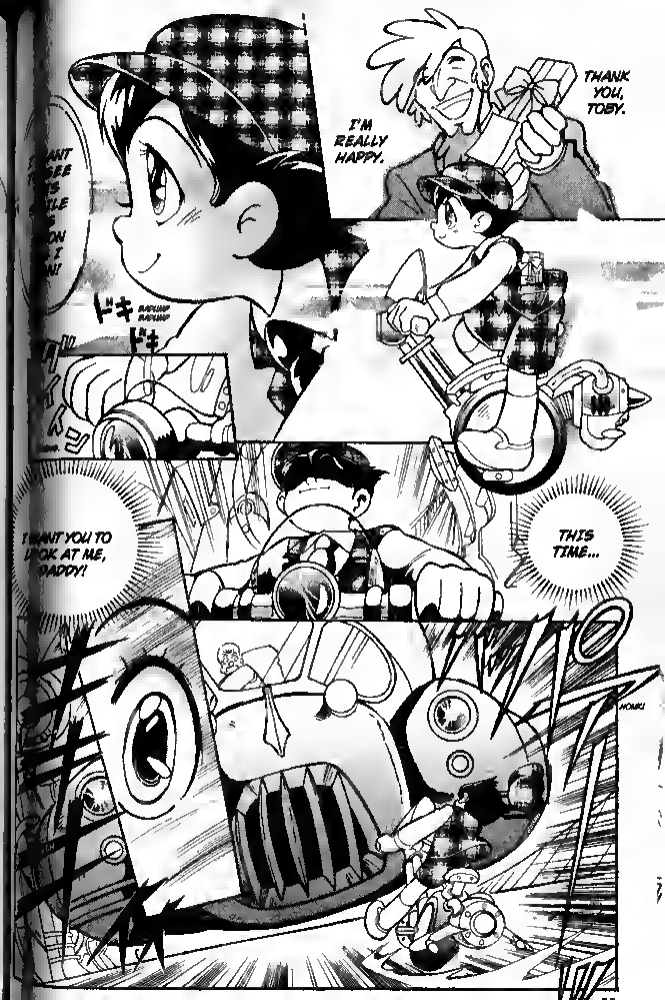

TOBY, OVER HERE!
TOBY...!
HEY...
COME HERE
COME PLAY A GAME WITH DADDY.
ME?
WHO IS... TOBY?
TOBY?

ATOM, THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND JUST HOW FOOLISH HUMANS ARE
IT IS TIME FOR ME TO TAKE MY REVENGE AGAINST HUMANS
CLICK
DO WELL AND SUFFER THE FORCE OF MY WILL
VROOM

WHY...?
I'VE ALWAYS BEHAVED MYSELF AT HOME
LIAR!!
DADDY LIKES ROBOTS BETTER THAN ME!!
I WORKED HARD FOR MY TESTS
I CLEAN UP THE HOUSE BY MYSELF...
...THAT'S RIGHT
MAYBE HE'LL SPEND MORE TIME WITH ME!
THEN...
I'LL GET A PRESENT FOR MY DAD!!
FATHERS' DAY IS COMING SOON

SO PLAY WITH ROBITA!!
YOU SAID YOU'LL BE BACK EARLY TO PLAY CATCH BALL
BUT...
LET'S PLAY CATCH BALL
DADDY WELCOME BACK
I'M REALLY BUSY RIGHT NOW

...TOBY!!
TOBY...
MY ONE AND ONLY
BEEP!
ATOM.
ATOM! IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
WHAT'S WITH THAT DREAM...


THANK YOU, TOBY.
I'M REALLY HAPPY.
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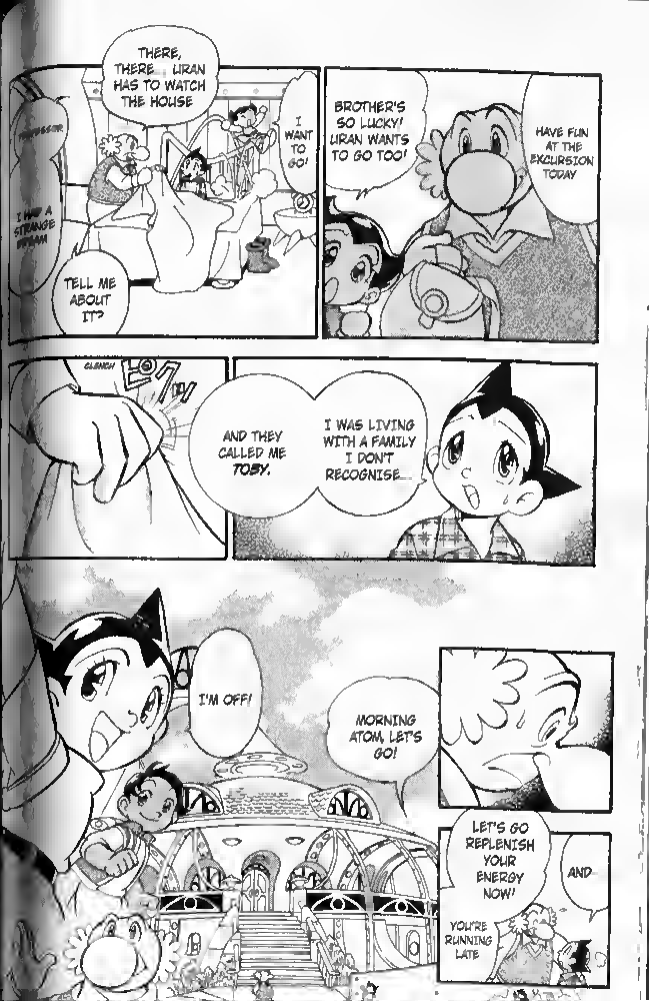
I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME, DADDY!
THIS TIME...
HOMU

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU
DON'T TELL ME
Y-YOU'RE
PROFESSOR TENMA!!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I WAS WORRIER
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL ALONG?
YOU DIDN'T CONTACT US AT ALL


THERE, THERE... URAN HAS TO WATCH THE HOUSE
I WANT TO GO!
PROFESSOR
I HAD A STRANGE DREAM
TELL ME ABOUT IT?
BROTHER'S SO LUCKY! URAN WANTS TO GO TOO!
HAVE FUN AT THE EXCURSION TODAY
CLENCH
AND THEY CALLED ME TOBY.
I WAS LIVING WITH A FAMILY I DON'T RECOGNISE...
I'M OFF!
MORNING ATOM, LET'S GO!
LET'S GO REPLENISH YOUR ENERGY NOW!
AND
YOU'RE RUNNING LATE

TOBY WAS CREATED BY ME... HOW DARE YOU DO SOMETHING SO PRESUMPTUOUS?
I FOUND HIM
LYING IN THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT JUNKYARD LIKE A HEAP OF TRASH
HE WAS NEARLY DESTROYED!
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
DIDN'T YOU POUR YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO CREATING THAT ROBOT? YET...
YOU ALWAYS WANT EVERYTHING TO GO ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT
THAT'S WHY YOU THREW HIM AWAY?!
IT WAS A FAILURE
I'M MAKING AN EVEN BETTER ROBOT
?!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
YOU WANT ROBOTS TO OVERTAKE THE HUMAN RACE?!
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING
THAT ROBOT IS AN IMPROVEMENT! AND ONE DAY
HE'LL TAKE OVER THE HUMAN WORLD

I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO REALLY KNOWS HIM.
...THAT LIES HIDDEN WITHIN THAT ROBOT?
DO YOU KNOW THE REAL POWER...
WHAT?!
...REAL POWER?!
ATOM'S ..
...CHIEF OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE!
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN
GLIDE
WHAT'S WRONG ATOM? YOU LOOK RATHER DOWN!
AH, KEN!
IT'S NOTHING
HE SEEMED REALLY UPSET.
WHO'S THE PERSON THAT APPEARED... IN MY DREAM?
HE SHOULDN'T EXIST IN MY COMPUTER MEMORY, YET...

...ME? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS BURNING TO ACHIEVE YOUR VISIONS!
PROFESSOR TENMA, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CREATED A ROBOT WITH A HEART!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS TRULY WONDERFUL.
BUT SUCH TECHNOLOGY SHOULD NOT BE USED TO PIT ROBOTS AND HUMANS AGAINST EACH OTHER.
IT SHOULD BE USED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ROBOTS AND HUMANS INSTEAD!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN IDEALISTIC.
HE'S NOT TOBY NOW!
DON'T MESS WITH TOBY ANYMORE
JUST A WORD OF ADVICE, OLD FRIEND
HE'S ATOM!!
I HAVE A NEW IDEAL NOW.

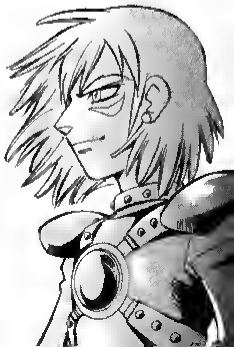
FLASHBACK
THAT'S RIGHT!
SOUTH AMERICA. PERU.
CRUNCH
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DID YOU CALL FOR ME?
YOUR POWER
KUSUKO, I CAME TO TEST
SAY, ABOUT THAT KUSUKO
THEY SAY HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!
KIDNAPPED!!
I'VE READ ABOUT IT ON THE NET
DON'T TALK NONSENSE, TAMAO!! KUSUKO IS INVINCIBLE
ISN'T KUSUKO THE STRONGEST ROBOT IN PERU?
I SAW THE NEW 'KUSUKO NUMBER ONE' ATTRACTION ON VIDEO
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING ROBOT ISLAND!
I'M A BIG FAN!
HEY, DON'T FRown!
ATOM!
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH! JUST ENJOY YOURSELF TODAY!
ATOM, YOU'RE A GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT
ATLAS?!
DON'T TELL ME
AND CAPTURED HIM!
A RED ROBOT DEFEATED KUSUKO
RED ROBOT?!

WHOOSH
YOU'RE WORTHY OF BECOMING ONE OF MY FOLLOWERS
WHO ARE YOU?!
WHAM
BUT IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE A NAP
EXCUSE ME
GRAPPLE
ZIP
CLICK
WHAT?!
HMM SO THE GOLDEN BODY'S NOT JUST FOR SHOW

LOOK OUT TAMA!
IT'S THE REAL THING!
IT'S NOT AN ATTRACTION.
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SUCH ATTRACTIONS...?
WHAT FORCE...
THEY'RE REALLY ATTACKING US!!
THAT'S ROBOT ISLAND!
"ROBOT ISLAND", A THEME PARK WITH ANIMATED REPLICAS OF POPULAR ROBOTS.
ROBOT ISLAND
GATHER AT 11:30
WOW IT'S BEAUTIFUL!!
UGH.
CLATTER
LOOK HERE! IT'S 'DATTAN', AND IT'S HUGE!!
LOOK. THAT'S ANTARCTICA'S 'PARIS'.
WHERE IS KUSUKO?

Chapter 5

HUMAN VS. ROBOT



I'M FOLLOWING ATLAS OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
I'VE DECIDED TO STAND UP FOR OUR RIGHTS, TO HELP FREE ROBOTS FROM HUMAN CONTROL!
ATOM, I AM NOT BEING CONTROLLED.
HE'S SO COOL!
THAT'S THE REAL KUSUKO.
IT'S KUSUKO!
ATLAS! SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!
KUSUKO, ARE YOU BEING CONTROLLED BY ATLAS--?

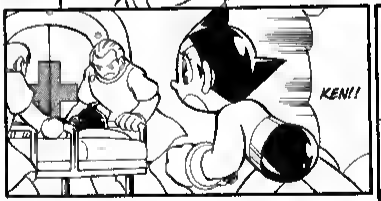
CLANG
CLANG
HWAHH!
!!
TO THINK THAT THEY'RE ATTACKING HUMANS! THESE ROBOTS MUST HAVE MALFUNCTIONED!
KEN!!
HANG IN THERE!

BANG
CRASH
THEY'RE GOING BERSERK! HELP!!
POLICE! THE ROBOTS ON ROBOT ISLAND...
UWAH!
CRASH
HMM!
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB...
WHOOSH
?!
ATLAS! WHERE ARE YOU LEAVING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

STOP!!
BOOM
LET'S BEGIN THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL MANKIND!
UWAH!
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING ME RIGHT, KUSUKO
I-I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU'RE A HERO!

THEY HAVE BETRAYED US.
THE ROBOTS.
THE ROBOTS..
SHIVER
TREMBLE

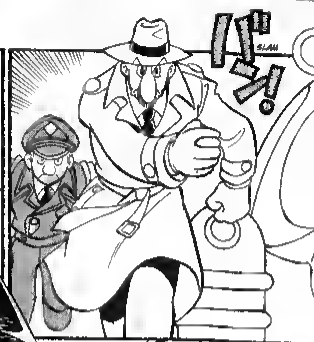
SHI-BUGAKI
HURRY UP AND GET LOST!


KEN!!

HE'S GOT A HEAD INJURY CALL AN AMBULANCE!
BOY ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

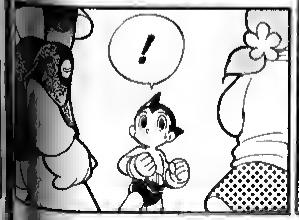
CLICK
W-WE'LL SHOOT IF YOU RESIST!!
DON'T MOVE!

RUSTLE
AH, INSPECTOR TANASHI!!


SLAM

?!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR DAMAGING PROPERTY AND INJURING PEOPLE!!

SHIBUGAKI, TAMA I...


!

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE, ATOM!!
Y-YOU'RE WRONG! I WAS PROTECTING EVERYONE FROM THE BAD ROBOTS.

HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY CREATE ANYTHING THAT'S 'SAFE'?!
HE WAS THE CHIEF YET HE SET FIRE TO THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND ESCAPED
!
OH, REALLY?! ATOM WAS CREATED BY PROFESSOR TENMA.
ATOM IS NOT A DANGEROUS ROBOT
AH, PROFESSOR!
PUFF
HOW'S KEN?
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
DON'T WORRY.
LET'S GO HOME
ATOM
I BELIEVE IN YOU!
IT WAS
A MINOR
INJURY
HE'S BACK
HOME.
I'M GOING TO VISIT HIM!
GREAT

POLICE HAVE ARRESTED ATOM AND ARE INVESTIGATING
TODAY, ROBOTS ATTACKED CHILDREN AT ROBOT ISLAND!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
NO I
THIS IS A GRAVE MISUNDERSTANDING!!
ATTACKING CHILDREN?
ATOM?!
BUT THE ACTUAL CULPRIT WAS A ROBOT CALLED ATLAS
IT'S A FACT THAT ATOM DESTROYED THE THEME PARK.
YOU'RE FAR TOO NASTY, INSPECTOR!!
ONCE THEY HAVE A 'HEART' AND EMOTIONS, THEY'LL START HATING HUMANS AND ATTACK US.
ATOM WILL DO SOMETHING DANGEROUS SOONER OR LATER!
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT ATLAS IS PROBABLY A ROBOT WITH A HEART TOO.

ATOM, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING HATED AND HURT BY THE HUMANS YOU CALL 'FRIENDS'?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF HUMANS NOW?!
HEHE
THIS IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN
IF ANYTHING TURNS OUT TO BE A BOTHER TO THEM, THEY THROW IT AWAY.
THEY WANT TO CONTROL EVERYTHING THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE LIKE.
YES
JOIN ME!!
COME, ATOM.
GIVE UP ON THE HUMANS.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TAKE REVENGE ON ALL HUMANS
-WITH THIS ROBOTIC BODY OF MINE!!

WHY?
GO HOME! DON'T COME NEAR OUR CHILD!
PLEASE GO AWAY!
ERM, IS KEN...
SLAM!
ARE YOU GOING TO WREAK DESTRUCTION ON THIS STREET NOW?!
YOU TRICKED US WITH THAT HUMAN-LOOKING FACE OF YOURS!
I WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING
CLUNK
?!
THE ROBOT THAT ATTACKS CHILDREN
IT'S ATOM!!
STOP!!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ATOM!!
MAMA, WHO WAS IT AT THE DOOR?
NO-BODY
YOU NEED TO SLEEP, KEN

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE A FRIEND!!
KEN?!
PANT
DON'T DO SUCH A FOOLISH THING, ATOM
WALKING AWAY
ATOM!
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN
SORRY
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!
OUCH
END THIS FARCE.
ATLAS!!

WHAT?!
I WILL SHUT DOWN MY OWN SYSTEM
PLEASE DON'T BE AFRAID OF ROBOTS!
SO
IF EVERYBODY THINKS I'M A BAD ROBOT...
CLICK
YOU FOOL!!
ATOM..
SLAP
TO THINK THAT YOU'D GO SO FAR...

WHOOSH
IF YOU INSIST ON HURTING HUMANS, I WON'T LET YOU OFF!
?!
KUSUKO?
I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP THIS FIGHT
ATOM, I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT!!

NO!
ROBOTS CANNOT FIND HAPPINESS WITH HUMANS
COME TO ME ATOM. JOIN ME!
I WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH HUMANS FOREVER
IS THAT SO?
THEN THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
FOOL...
I'LL DESTROY YOU TOGETHER WITH THE HUMANS!!
STOP!!
BLAST

HE HAS A LOT OF ATTACK POWER HIDDEN WITHIN HIM
BE CAREFUL OF ATOM'S LEFT HAND KUSUKO
UNDER-STOOD
Chapter 6
SORROWFUL VICTORY
WHOOSH!

I THOUGHT I WAS IN BLISS...
THE CHILDREN SMILED HELD MY HAND AND PERCHED ON MY SHOULDERS
ONE DAY—
MY GUARDIAN WANTED MONEY—
HE SOLD MY FRIENDS AND ME FOR A HIGH PRICE!
I WAS LED TO AN UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION SITE AND TOLD NOT TO RETURN
WE HAD TO WORK NON-STOP IN A DANGEROUS PLACE—
MY FRIENDS WERE DISMANTLED WHEN THEY COULD NOT WORK ANYMORE
KUSUKO! WHY?
WHY ARE YOU HELPING ATLAS?
AREN'T YOU THE CHILDREN'S HERO, THE ROBOT OF JUSTICE?
?!
THAT WAS WHEN I TRUSTED HUMANS.
HERO ?
WHENEVER THERE WAS TROUBLE— OR ACCIDENTS, I WOULD LEND A HELPING HAND

AND THEN I MET ATLAS...
I BECAME A FUGITIVE
WHEN I WAS THE LAST ONE LEFT, I ESCAPED AND RETURNED TO MY HOMETOWN
I BEFRIENDED ATLAS AND JOINED HIS CAUSE
THAT'S WHY...
IF I WAS FOUND, I'D BE DISMANTLED
ATOM, WHAT IS JUSTICE?
...SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...
AS ROBOTS, SHOULDN'T WE HELP OUR OWN KIND?!
KYAAH! HELP!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
SHOW ME YOUR CANNON!!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
HEHEHE. WELL DONE, KUSUKO.
DESTROY THE CITY WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!
HA HA HA HA ...

THAT'S RIGHT. IT CAN ONLY BE PROFESSOR TENMA.
PROFESSOR TENMA IS BEHIND ALL THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY ATLAS
B-BUT ATOM WAS CREATED BY PROFESSOR TENMA TOO
PROFESSOR TENMA?!
THEN WHY EXPOSE ATOM TO SUCH DANGER?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
TENMA...
WHY WOULD A GENIUS LIKE YOU DO SUCH A THING
WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE?!
DOWN WITH THE ROBOTS THAT POSSESS HEARTS!
THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE!!
NO ROBOTS!!
PRO-TENMA!!!
WHAT?!
THERE'S A CROWD OF PEOPLE AT THE ENTRANCE! THEY'RE ON A STRIKE AGAINST ROBOTS!
TAP TAP TAP
HAVE YOU FOUND OUT WHERE THE ROBOT CAME FROM?!
CAN'T FIND ANY RECORDS ON IT AT ALL!
PROFESSOR, THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF CREATING SUCH A POWERFUL ROBOT WITH A HEART...
IT'S CLEAR THAT HE WAS CREATED FOR DESTRUCTION.
HE'S ARMED WITH WEAPONS IN EVERY PART OF HIS BODY.
ATLAS' SYSTEM DATA IS OUT!
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU!!!

BAM
BOOM BOOM BOOM
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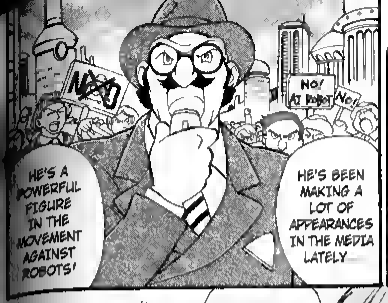

NO!
HE'S A POWERFUL FIGURE IN THE MOVEMENT AGAINST ROBOTS!
HE'S BEEN MAKING A LOT OF APPEARANCES IN THE MEDIA LATELY

RANPU? THAT FAMOUS MILLIONAIRE?
THAT'S ACETYLENE RANPU!

I'M HERE, PROFESSOR.
YOU'VE TRAVELLED A LONG WAY
OH, EPUSHI-RON!

ROGER!
PLEASE HELP ATOM. STOP THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE ROBOTS.

ATOM, PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN THE STREETS FROM DANGER.
GOT IT.
I WILL STOP KUSUKO
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU ASKED FOR MY HELP!
ASSIST? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU
IF YOU CONTINUE FIGHTING, PEOPLE WILL GET HURT. I WON'T ALLOW THAT.
THIS FIGHT IS BETWEEN ATOM AND ME! DON'T INTERFERE!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE.
ANYONE WHO INTERFERES!!

ANOTHER ENEMY ROBOT...?!
WHO'S THAT?!
URGH! THAT DAZZLING LIGHT!!
I AM A LIGHT ROBOT, EPUSHIRON!
ATOM! I'M HERE TO ASSIST YOU!

HEY WE'RE QUITE COMPATIBLE.
TORNADO !!
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL

TOPPLE
UMPH!
BBBRRRRRR!!!
RAT-TAT TAT
WAAH WAAH!
あーん あーん
EVERYONE, EVACUATE THE AREA! HURRY! GO AS FAR AS YOU CAN!

CLINCH
YOU'RE A STUBBORN ONE.
STEP ASIDE, OR YOU WILL BE DESTROYED!!
STOP FIGHTING, KUSUKO CI. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER!
BOOM
BANG
LOOK OUT!!

KUSUKO?!
GUARGH ...?!
BLAST
!
WHAT?!
RUMBLE
INSPECTOR TAWASHI?
I'LL SHOW YOU THE MIGHT OF THE METRO CITY POLICE!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HUMANS.
I CHALLENGE YOU!! HUMANS.

KUSUKO IS TAKING TOO LONG!
ATOM, DO YOUR BEST!
HUH?
DELTA! IT'S ARRS!
?!
MORE HELPERS?

IS THAT ALL YOU'RE CAPABLE OF?
HUFFF
DID WE GET HIM?!
KEH
HYAH!

EAT THIS!
FIRE!
ATLAS! POLICE-MEN!
PLEASE STOP, ALL OF YOU!
DARN YOU, ATLAS!
THE DIGNITY OF THE METRO CITY POLICE IS AT STAKE..
I WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE!!

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE NOT TO INTERFERE, ATOM.
DELTA!! BEWARE OF ATLAS!
ZAAAP!
HAARGHH!!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!!
WHAT'S WRONG, BLOCK-HEADS?
SHOOT HIM DOWN!!
BATTLE
FIRE!
HE'S MOVING TOO FAST! I CAN'T LOCK ON TARGET!!
WANT ANOTHER TASTE OF THIS?!
HMPH!
ATLAS!! I'M PUTTING YOU BEHIND BARS!!

'ROBOTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HURT HUMANS'!!
STOP ALL DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES NOW AND TURN YOURSELF IN
ATLAS! YOU'VE BROKEN THAT LAW OF ROBOTICS!
ACCORDING TO THE LAW YOU WILL BE DISMANTLED UPON CAPTURE
WELL, GO AHEAD! TRY TO CAPTURE ME!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO MANIPULATE ME!
NEVER!!

ガラガラ ガラ
THUNDER CLOUD!!
KYAAH!
WHAT A POWERFUL LIGHTNING ATTACK.
I'M FINE.
ENSHUT-ION!!

GARGH!!
BLAST
ATLAS!! ENOUGH
ATOM!!
DARN!!
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET HIM AT THIS RATE!
UGH
ATLAS!
DARN YOU! LOT OF POLICE PESTS!
BLAST

THAT'S RIGHT! FIRST AID!
WE'LL HAVE TO BANDAGE IT!
THAT'S TERRIBLE! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIX IT...
OH NO! YOU'RE DAMAGED!
H-HEY
BROOM
WE'VE GOTTA TIGHTEN THE KNOT!
BOOM
THANK YOU
I'M FINE NOW

BOOM
THE SHIP!
AH, IT'S KUSUKO!
ARE YOU HELPING US FIGHT THE BAD GUYS?
UHAH, IT REALLY IS HIM!!
RAWR RAWR
UGH
DARN

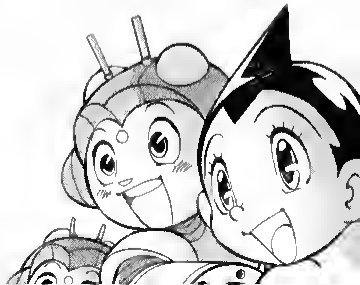
KUSUKO?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KUSUKO!!
CLINK
ATOM, LEAVE THIS TO ME
I'M STRONGER
HELP THE CHILDREN ESCAPE, QUICK!!
HUH?!
I WON'T LET IT CRASH ON THE STREET!
ROGER!!

INSPECTOR, I'LL STOP IT FROM CRASHING! PLEASE EVACUATE THE SHIP RIGHT NOW!
RUMBLE
IT'S GONNA CRASH!!
DARN YOU, ATLAS.
DARN IT!
UGH!
THUD
I'LL PUT AN END TO YOU!!
ATOM! HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE!

KUSUKO YOU'RE A FOOL.
BOOM
KUSUKO!!
KUSUKO!! UWAAAHH!!
WHY DID SUCH A TRAGIC THING HAVE TO HAPPEN?
HUMANS AND ROBOTS. WHY DO THEY HAVE TO FIGHT...?

KUSUKO, DO YOUR BEST!!
BOOM
BOOM
KABOOM

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
ATLAS?
NOW!
DOCTOR TENMA MAKE ME MORE POWERFUL
Chapter 7
ATLAS'S PAST



THAT'S THE ONLY PART THAT'LL HURT.
I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE YOUR 'MEMORY' AND PUT IT IN AGAIN
WHIRR
JUST HURRY UP AND DO IT
TAP TAP
DRILL
GUARGH!

I'LL PUT AN END TO ATOM...
...AND THE HUMANS!
I WON'T USE SUCH A ROUNDABOUT STRATEGY AGAIN! I'M GONNA STRIKE AT THE CORE OF THE MATTER.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR 'FRIEND'?
I CAN GIVE YOU A POWER-UP, BUT MODIFYING YOUR SYSTEM ANY FURTHER WOULD BE VERY RISKY
YOUR BODY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE NEW MECHANISM'S SPEED
I'LL HELP YOU FULFIL IT
IF THAT IS YOUR WISH...
MAKE ME THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE ROBOT MANKIND HAS EVER KNOWN!
I WANT TO REDUCE THE ENTIRE HUMAN WORLD TO RUBBLE!
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS MAKE ME STRONGER!!

LET'S FLY TO THE CITY CENTRE
WHERE SHOULD WE GO NEXT?
YA WANNA GIVE IT A GO?
HEH. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH ME?
DAICHI
POMB POMB
YOU CERTAINLY LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION. THE POLICE WERE AT THEIR WITS' END IMPRESSIVE!
YOU WERE SUPERB
HEY WAIT DAICHI
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THE MOST EXCITING PLACE OF ALL!
PROGR M E...
...COMPLETE

ALREADY CAUGHT WITHIN MY 'MEMORY'.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS...
CRACKLE CRACKLE
I FLEW...
VROOM
BEEP!?

I'M THE ONE WHO DECIDES WHERE YOU STUDY!
BUT I—
YOU DON'T NEED A WORTHLESS DEGREE IN FINE ARTS
YOU ALWAYS WANT EVERYTHING TO GO ACCORDING TO YOUR WISHES FATHER
WHAT?
THE COUNTRY IS IMPORTANT BUT—
YOU REALLY SHOULD SPARE SOME TIME TO VISIT MUM.
KATARI WILL COME FETCH YOU IN THE EVENING
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT DOING ANYTHING ELSE!
YOUR ONLY CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE ROLE!
I'LL DO IT SOON
LISTEN UP DAICHI YOU ARE THE FUTURE COMPANY PRESIDENT OF TOKUGAWA
EXCELLENT! YOU SHOULD BE THE NEXT PERSON IN CHARGE OF TOKUGAWA, DAICHI
IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT
HEY, YOU'RE FAST
TONIGHT, ACCOMPANY ME TO DINNER. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO ODA, A CONGRESS MAN
YES
YES
IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU MUST STUDY LEADERSHIP SKILLS
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH, MY BOY JUST WORK HARD IN YOUR STUDIES
I WONDER IF I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO FULFIL YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF ME—
FATHER!! MY APPLICATION WAS..
CLATTER
—THE CITY'S NUMBER ONE ELITE UNIVERSITY
—BY THE WAY I'VE COMPLETED THE PAPERWORK REQUIRED FOR YOU TO ENTER—
HUH ?!

HOW COULD I POSSIBLY PASS IT ON TO ANYONE ELSE BESIDES MY SON?
I BUILT THIS COMPANY MYSELF FROM SCRATCH.
YES, SIR
FIRE ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE ME!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, KATARI
A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE OPPOSING THE IDEA OF MR DAICHI BECOMING THE FUTURE COMPANY PRESIDENT
SILENCE THEM!
VROOM

VROOM
MY COMPANY SUPPLIES 78% OF THE CITY'S ROBOTS WITH ENERGY
TODAY'S ROBOT SOCIETY CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT TOKUGAWA
THAT MEANS
METRO CITY IS TOTALLY UNDER MY POWER
I CONTROL THE CONGRESS HEHEH

HAHAHAHA
CHEERS!
HERE'S TO METRO CITY'S FUTURE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, REGARDING THE NEW FACTORY SITE, THE PERSON FROM THE COMPANY IS
SAITEN
I'M GLAD YOU UNDER-STAND
HAVE A SEAT
THAT WAS AN ENJOYABLE
AAH!
THUMP
OH, IT'S ALRIGHT
HOW COULD I BE SO CARELESS
OH NO! I'M REALLY SORRY!

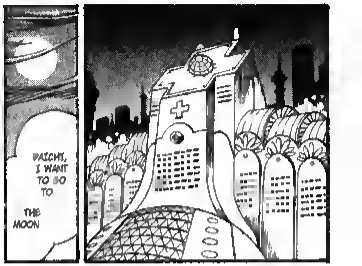
I'M HONOURED TO BE ABLE TO MEET YOU, MR. ODA.
THE RUMOURS ARE TRUE. HE IS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT.
I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE TO DINE WITH YOU AND YOUR SON.
YES... OF COURSE.
I HOPE WE GET ALONG WELL HAHAHA
WHAT A PLEASANT BOY, THE FUTURE OF THE TOKUGAWA GROUP IS SAFE
NOW I ONLY WISH THE CITIZENS HAPPINESS
MY PERSONAL AMBITIONS ARE LESSENING DAY BY DAY TO BE REPLACED BY AN INCREASING SENSE OF DUTY
THE DUTY OF A CONGRESS MAN IS DAUNTING
THAT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD FOR THE CITY'S FUTURE
TOKUGAWA'S COMPANY PRESIDENT IS THE REASON BEHIND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF THE CITY
CLATTER
I'LL MAKE A DONATION THIS YEAR TOO.
WONDERFUL
I HOPE IT HELPS.

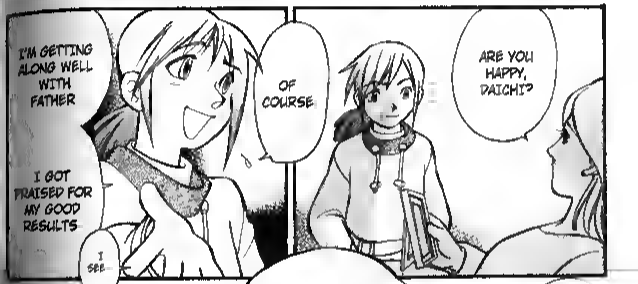
I'LL NAME DAICHI THE FUTURE PRESIDENT AT THE NEXT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING
I'VE BEEN GIVING MY SON THE BEST IN PREPARATION FOR THIS VERY MOMENT
EDUCATION.
LIFESTYLE...
MY WISH IS FINALLY BECOMING REALITY...
BANG

KATARI! SEND DAICHI HOME
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AGAIN HAHA...
I HAVE A REPORT TO WRITE SO I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE
YES, SIR
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, DAICHI
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
MR KATARI, DOES IT BOTHER YOU...
THAT YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER MY FATHER SAYS...?
I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN MIXING AROUND WITH BAD COMPANY RECENTLY
THAT'S WHY I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT GENERATION
I'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU BECOME THE NEXT COMPANY PRESIDENT, DAICHI
THAT'S NOT TRUE
WELL...

DOES MY NAME MEAN 'EARTH'?
THAT MEANS I'M 'ATLAS'!
WE CAME UP WITH YOUR NAME WHILE WE WERE GAZING UPON THE EARTH FROM THE MOON
WOW! IT'S A MAP OF THE EARTH!!
ATLAS
THEN WE CAN ALL GO TO THE MOON
RIGHT NOW I OWN A SMALL FACTORY. BUT I'LL DEFINITELY EXPAND IT TO FORM A HUGE COMPANY ONE DAY
AND LOOK AT THE EARTH FROM THERE

WELL THEN, DO GET BETTER SOON, MUM.
TOGETHER WITH YOU AND DADDY, SO WE CAN LOOK UPON THE GREEN EARTH FROM THE MOON


DAICHI, I WANT TO GO TO THE MOON


I'M GETTING ALONG WELL WITH FATHER
I GOT PRAISED FOR MY GOOD RESULTS
I SEE
OF COURSE
ARE YOU HAPPY, DAICHI?

CLAP CLAP
HERE'S YOUR PRESENT
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
ME TOO...
I MISS THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER.

WHOOSH!
WHY YOU
GOOD ONE, DAICHI!
DASH!
TALIHO!
NYAAH!
HEY, THAT PERSON OVER HERE IS...
?!
AAH! THERE'RE PEOPLE BRAWLING IN THE STREETS!

YOU SHOULDN'T WANDER ABOUT THIS PLACE ON YOUR OWN...
RICH KID
YOU'RE DAICHI TOKUGAWA.
VROOM
I'M THINKING OF HOW TO GET TO THE MOON.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
THE MOON?
YOU TAKE A SHUTTLE THERE, OF COURSE
WHAT?
GHAA
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, IDIOT!
HAHAHA
HOW MUCH DID YOU GET?
THIS GUY IS LOADED WITH MONEY
IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY PRESENCE, YOU'VE GOTTA DRIVE ME AWAY BY FORCE.
I HATE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO ORDER ME ABOUT.

YES, AT THE NEXT SHARE-HOLDERS' MEETING.
TAP TAP TAP
YES?
IT'S ME
BEEP BEEP
TAP TAP
ROGER.
PING PONG
CAN I COME IN FOR A WHILE?
DAICHI?!
EH?

OH NO! THAT'S ONE OF TOKUGAWA'S CARS!
STAB!
THUMP
VROOM
THEY PROBABLY SAW ME
I CAN'T GO BACK HOME IN THIS CONDITION
DARN

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME?
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE THE MEDICINE TAKES EFFECT
AH... YEAH, I KNOW. I'VE DONE SOME SELF-REFLECTION, OKAY?
OH, SO THAT'S HOW...
IN THE PAST, YOU TOLD ME TO COME OVER TO PLAY.
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY ADDRESS?
NONSENSE. I'D BE IN DANGER OF GETTING FIRED.
ARE YOU GOING TO REPORT ME TO MY FATHER?
MR KATARI IS SUCH A LOYAL EMPLOYEE

A FIGHT
I GOT INTO...
HEHE...
WHAT HAPPENED?
THANK GOODNESS THE WOUND'S NOT TOO DEEP.
D-DON'T CALL FOR A DOCTOR.
HEY.

TELL HER FAMILY MEMBERS TO COME AT ONCE!
FATHER, COME QUICK! MUM'S
FATHER!!
FATHER...
WHY! DID...?
WHY?
I...
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT !!
DAICHI? I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT MEETING I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER!!
CLICK!

DO YOU THINK.
MY FATHER LOVES ME?
...
INFORM HIM THAT I'M AWAY FOR A SEMINAR...
I'LL LEAVE SOON WON'T TROUBLE YOU FURTHER...
HE JUST WANTS ME TO OBEY HIM...
DO IT BEFORE THE NEXT SHAREHOLDER MEETING
L
BEEP BEEP

I'VE...
HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR TYRANNY
CRASH
AARGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DAICHI!
YOU'RE DA'CHI!

I'LL NAME DAICHI THE FUTURE COMPANY PRESIDENT AT THE NEXT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING
HMM. TOKUGAWA HAS EXPANDED AGAIN
WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN BUYING OVER COMPANY N.
I WILL DO WHATEVER'S NECESSARY FOR THE GROWTH OF THE COMPANY
NO ONE DARES TO STAND IN MY WAY NOW.
CRASH
A BIKE JUST CRASHED INTO THE BUILDING!!
WHAT?!

DON'T GET IN MY WAY KATARI!
SWERVE
BANG
YOUR EXIST-ENCE IS A HINDRANCE TO OUR PLANS
GOODBYE, DAICHI
I'LL GO TO THE MOON ALONE IF I HAVE TO..
FAREWELL, FATHER!!
SCREECH
DAICHI!!
DA-DA-DAI
I'LL GO STOP HIM!

IT'S DONE, ATLAS.
STRANGELY YOU SEEM TO HAVE DONE MORE FOR ME THAN HE EVER DID
WELL . FATHER NEVER SEEMED TO CARE ABOUT ME.....
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
HEHE.
THE BEAM CANNON IN YOUR ARM IS MORE POWERFUL NOW... I ADDED VARIOUS OTHER THINGS
DON'T MOVE YET I HAVE TO MAKE SOME ADJUST-MENTS
I WON'T ACCEPT ANYBODY'S ORDERS.
I'LL CARRY DAICHI'S MEMORIES WITH ME, AND LIVE AS A ROBOT OF DESTRUCTION
TIME TO PUT AN END TO THINGS.
THAT'S BECAUSE I LOVE ROBOTS
HMPH.

DON'T WANT TO DIE?
CLEANCH
TREMBLE
BARN...!!
SHALL I GIVE YOU A METAL BODY?

A TERRIBLE THING HAS HAPPENED
A.I ROBOTS HAVE FINALLY BARED THEIR FANGS AT HUMANS AND ATTACKED THE CITY
ROBOTS WITH A HEART ARE A THREAT TO US!! THEY'RE ENEMIES OF MANKIND.
ATOM'S POWERS SURPASS BY FAR THE RED ROBOT'S POWERS
WE NEED TO DISPOSE OF THEM BEFORE PEOPLE GET HURT!
THESE ROBOTS ARE WEAPONS WITH FEELINGS
BUT YOU CAN'T DENY THAT THEY'VE ATTACKED US!
NOT ALL ROBOTS ARE DANGEROUS
WHAT IS IT EVERYONE? CALM DOWN

Chapter 8

ATLAS' COUNTERATTACK

ROBOTS HAVE ALWAYS PUT IN THEIR BEST FOR HUMAN BEINGS, AND YET...
IF SO, WHY DO HUMANS HATE ROBOTS?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
PRO-FESSOR
WE ROBOTS
WHY
WEREN'T WE CREATED FOR THE SAKE OF HUMAN BEINGS?
...BULLY US...
HUMANS...
ATOM IS RIGHT
HUMANS ARE SELFISH...
I BELIEVE HUMANS AND ROBOTS CAN BE FRIENDS
THAT'S WHY...
BUT
...I LIKE PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU, MISS YUKO AND KENICHI
I LIKE YOU ALL

ATOM'S NOT A ROBOT THAT WILL HARM HUMANS!!
OF COURSE NOT!! WHO SAID THAT?
PROFESSOR!! I HEARD ATOM WAS ALSO CREATED AS A BATTLE ROBOT?
HOW WILL YOU TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY IF THINGS GO WRONG?!
THAT'S A WEAPON, ISN'T IT?!
BUT DOESN'T HE HAVE A POWERFUL BEAM CANNON?
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG. INSTEAD, YOU SAVED METRO CITY FROM GRAVE DANGER.
DON'T WORRY, EVERYBODY WILL FORGET ABOUT IT SOON....
HMM...
PRO-FESSOR OCHANO-MIZU...
PHEW.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW.
TOKUGAWA'S NEXT PRESIDENT SHALL BE REPLACED!
GOOD.
MASTER RANPU.
KATARI? REPORT
AND THEN, ALL ROBOTS WILL JUST BE DOLLS THEY'LL BECOME
MERE TOOLS AGAIN
I WILL CONTROL THE ROBOTS' ENERGY SUPPLY
OWNING THE ENERGY SOURCE WOULD BE LIKE OWNING THE CITY
NOW, IT'S TIME TO TAKE OVER TOKUGAWA'S ENERGY PLANT ON THE MOON
A.I. ROBOTS MUST BE ERADICATED.
WE ARE AGAINST ROBOTS AND WE WILL NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AS PART OF THIS WORLD!
SOCIETY DOESN'T NEED ROBOTS. THEIR EXISTENCE IS UNNECESSARY.
WHEN ROBOTS SEE ME, THEY WILL RUN AWAY LIKE TINY BUGS
SHATTER
YES, WE WILL DESTROY THEM IN A BEAUTIFUL MANNER.

WAIT, ATOM!
ATOM!!
SO...
IF I STAY AT THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, I'LL CAUSE HIM NOTHING BUT TROUBLE
A-ATOM?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HAND ATOM OVER!
ATOM!!
THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MAKING MILITARY WEAPONS!
THANKS TO THE UPROAR CREATED BY THAT RED ROBOT, THINGS ARE WORKING OUT RATHER WELL FOR ME.
HEHE HE...

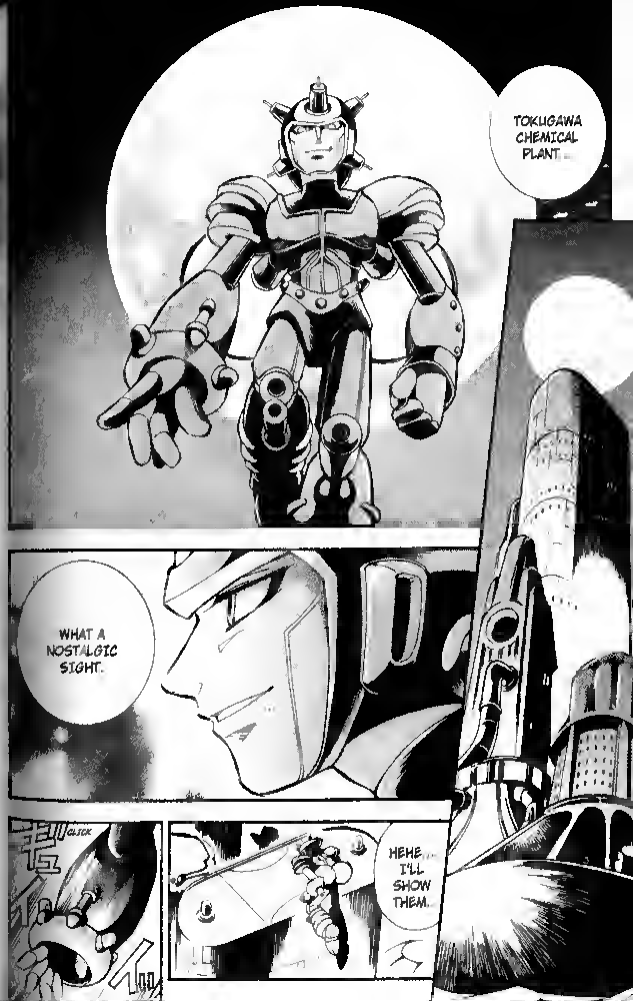
IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO HELP EVERYONE IN THE CITY
WE LOVE THIS JOB!
WE CAN'T REST.
BUT ROBOTS NEED TO REST TOO!
CLANK
ガチャン
ゴー
THE ROBOTS AND THE CITY LIGHTS DEPEND ON US TO KEEP THE PLANT RUNNING
THIS IS THE TOKUGAWA CHEMICAL PLANT THAT SUPPLIES ENERGY TO THE CITY
PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME ON MY PIPE...
YEAH! YOU CAN SOLVE ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS!
WOW!
WOW! ATOM, YOU'RE AN AMAZING ROBOT!
ATOM?!
EH, AREN'T YOU...
Y-YES.
WE REALLY WANT TO SEE HOW THE ENERGY CREATED HERE IS BEING USED... WILL YOU HELP US?
HEY, ATOM... WE'VE BEEN WORKING IN HERE EVER SINCE WE WERE CREATED, AND WE'VE NOT SEEN THE WORLD OUTSIDE
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
I... I'M NOT THAT GREAT...
CLANK
キョトン

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW...?
WHY WAS I CREATED?
THE ROBOTS ARE.
CLANK
HUH?
CLANK
OH! OUR JOB IS TO CHANGE ALL THE PLUMBING OF THE TANK AT NIGHT.
IT'S TIME TO WORK NOW!
CLANK
ガチャン
HEY, IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, AND YET YOU'RE STILL WORKING...
AREN'T YOU GONNA REST?
HERE IT IS
ガチャン
HERE! NEXT!
CLANK
カチャン

BUT YOUR SON... THAT ACCIDENT
HE'S MISSING!
BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE!!
SLAM
THE NEXT PRESIDENT IS DAICHI!!
I'VE TOLD YOU LOT SO MANY TIMES!
...THEN ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY LAW 301, THE NEXT PRESIDENT TO BE CHOSEN...
DAICHI...
COME BACK...
DAICHI... WHERE ARE YOU?
SAVE ME... SAVE THE COMPANY...!!
THE ONLY THING LEFT ON THE SCENE WAS THE DAMAGED BIKE.
IF WE DON'T FINISH HIM OFF PROPERLY, HE'LL JUST CAUSE TROUBLE FOR US IN THE
WHERE DID HE RUN OFF TO?
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I'M DOING MY BEST BUT...
KATAE!! HAVE YOU FOUND DAICHI'S WHEREABOUTS?

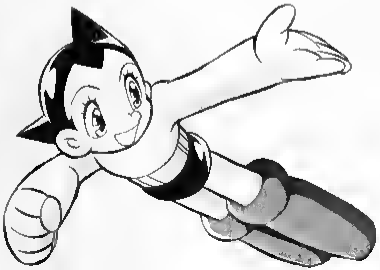
WOW THIS IS GREAT!!
LOOK, LOOK! THERE'RE LIGHTS ALL OVER THE CITY
IT'S BEAUTIFUL...
SURE!
GRAB
ALRIGHT
ALRIGHT...
ALRIGHT! LET'S WORK EVEN HARDER!
CLANK
WE'RE HAPPY TO BE USEFUL TO SOMEONE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT'S THE WAY WE ARE!
GRAB
STAINED WITH OIL...
THAT'S WHAT ROBOTS ARE LIKE...
WORKING (QUIETLY) WITHOUT REST...

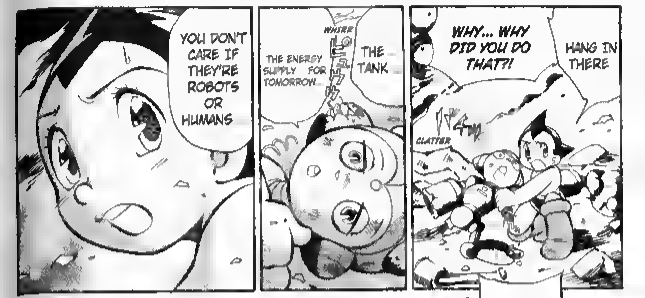
TRANSFORM
BLAST
CRACKLE
?!


TOKUGAWA CHEMICAL PLANT...
WHAT A NOSTALGIC SIGHT.
CLICK
HEHE... I'LL SHOW THEM.

CLANK
CLANK
CLOSE THE VALVE!
WE HAVE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE!
LOOK OUT! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!
UWAH!
WE MUST PROTECT THE TANK...
WE CAN'T JUST ESCAPE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!!
ROAR
SHAA!
ATLAS!!

AAAH!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
CLANK
BANG BANG BANG
A RED ROBOT?!
PRESIDENT, THE RED ROBOT IS ATTACKING THE FACTORY!!
MY FACTORY'S ON FIRE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?





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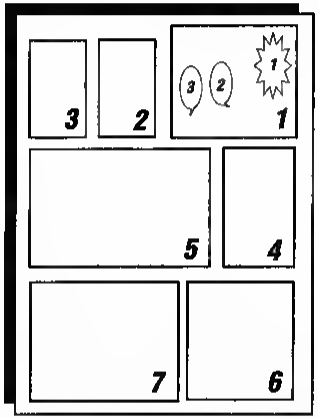

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